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TW**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Application No. 10/038,273  
Filing Date 12/31/2001  
First Named Inventor Weybrew, et al.  
Group Art Unit 2676  
Examiner Name Caschera, Antonio A.  
Attorney Docket No. 4860.P2718

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Remarks/Reply (6 pages, titled "Request for Continued Examination")
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Cross Reference to Related Applications

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 2-2666
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 790.00

Complete if Known:

Application No. 10/038,273Filing Date 12/31/2001First Named Inventor Weybrew, et al.Examiner Name Caschera, Antonio A.Art Unit 2676Attorney Docket No. 4860.P2718

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify)☐ Deposit AccountDeposit Account Number : 02-2666

Deposit Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

| Large Entity    |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description                    |             | Fees Paid (\$) |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Fee Code        | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                                    |             |                |
| 1011            | 300      | 2011         | 150      | Utility application filing fee     | } 1,000/500 | _____          |
| 1111            | 500      | 2111         | 250      | Utility search fee                 |             | _____          |
| 1311            | 200      | 2311         | 100      | Utility examination fee            |             | _____          |
| 1012            | 200      | 2012         | 100      | Design application filing fee      | } 430/215   | _____          |
| 1112            | 100      | 2112         | 50       | Design search fee                  |             | _____          |
| 1312            | 130      | 2312         | 65       | Design examination fee             |             | _____          |
| 1013            | 200      | 2013         | 100      | Plant filing fee                   | } 660/330   | _____          |
| 1113            | 300      | 2113         | 150      | Plant search fee                   |             | _____          |
| 1313            | 160      | 2313         | 80       | Plant examination fee              |             | _____          |
| 1004            | 300      | 2004         | 150      | Reissue filing fee                 | } 1,400/700 | _____          |
| 1114            | 500      | 2114         | 250      | Reissue search fee                 |             | _____          |
| 1314            | 600      | 2314         | 300      | Reissue examination fee            |             | _____          |
| 1005            | 200      | 2005         | 100      | Provisional application filing fee |             | _____          |
| SUBTOTAL (1) \$ |          |              |          |                                    |             | _____          |

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

|   |                           |                                 |                       |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <u>Extra Claims</u>       | <u>Fee from</u><br><u>below</u> | <u>Fees Paid (\$)</u> |
| <b>Total Claims</b> _____   | <b>– 20 or HP =</b> _____ | <b>X \$</b> _____               | <b>= \$</b> _____     |
| HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20      |                           |                                 |                       |
| <b>Independent Claims</b> _____                                       | <b>– 3 or HP =</b> _____  | <b>X \$</b> _____               | <b>= \$</b> _____     |
| HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3 |                           |                                 |                       |
| <b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>                                      |                           | _____                           | = _____               |

| <u>Large Entity</u> |      | <u>Small Entity</u> |      |  |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|--|
| Fee                 | Fee  | Fee                 | Fee  |  |
| Code                | (\$) | Code                | (\$) | <u>Fee Description</u>   |
| 1202                | 50   | 2202                | 25   | Each claim over 20   |
| 1201                | 200  | 2201                | 100  | Each independent claim over 3                                    |
| 1203                | 360  | 2203                | 180  | Multiple dependent claims, if not paid                           |
| 1204                | 200  | 2204                | 100  | Reissue: each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent |
| 1205                | 50   | 2205                | 25   | Reissue: each independent claim more than in the original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

|                     |         |                     |  |                                 |                       |
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| <u>Total Sheets</u> |         | <u>Extra Sheets</u> | <u>Number of each add'l</u><br><u>50 or fraction thereof</u> | <u>Fee from</u><br><u>below</u> | <u>Fees paid (\$)</u> |
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| <u>Large Entity</u> |      | <u>Small Entity</u> |      |  |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|--|
| Fee                 | Fee  | Fee                 | Fee  |  |
| Code                | (\$) | Code                | (\$) | <u>Fee Description: Application size fee for each additional group of 50 sheets</u><br><u>beyond initial 100 sheets</u> (count spec & drawings except sequences & program listings): |
| 1081                | 250  | 2081                | 125  | Utility  |
| 1082                | 250  | 2082                | 125  | Design   |
| 1083                | 250  | 2083                | 125  | Plant  |
| 1084                | 250  | 2084                | 125  | Reissue  |

SUBTOTAL (3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

**Fees Paid (\$)**

| <u>Large Entity</u> |          | <u>Small Entity</u> |          | <u>Fee Description</u>   |          |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|--|----------|
| Fee Code            | Fee (\$) | Fee Code            | Fee (\$) |  |          |
| 1051                | 130      | 2051                | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052                | 50       | 2052                | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053                | 130      | 1053                | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812                | 2,520    | 1812                | 2,520    | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 1813                | 8,800    | 1813                | 8,800    | Request for inter parties reexamination                                    |          |
| 1804                | 920*     | 1804                | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805                | 1,840*   | 1805                | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251                | 120      | 2251                | 60       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252                | 450      | 2252                | 225      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253                | 1,020    | 2253                | 510      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254                | 1,590    | 2254                | 795      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255                | 2,160    | 2255                | 1,080    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401                | 500      | 2401                | 250      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402                | 500      | 2402                | 250      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403                | 1,000    | 2403                | 500      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451                | 1,510    | 1451                | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452                | 500      | 2452                | 250      | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453                | 1,500    | 2453                | 750      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501                | 1,400    | 2501                | 700      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502                | 800      | 2502                | 400      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503                | 1100     | 2503                | 550      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1462                | 400      | 1462                | 400      | Petitions to the Commissioner (CFR 1.17(f) Group I)                        |          |
| 1463                | 200      | 1463                | 200      | Petitions to the Commissioner (CFR 1.17(g) Group II)                       |          |
| 1464                | 130      | 1464                | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner (CFR 1.17(h) Group III)                      |          |
| 1807                | 50       | 1807                | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 1806                | 180      | 1806                | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021                | 40       | 8021                | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809                | 790      | 2809                | 395      | For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a))        |          |
| 1814                | 130      | 2814                | 65       | Statutory Disclaimer   |          |
| 1810                | 790      | 2810                | 395      | For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))         |          |
| 1801                | 790      | 2801                | 395      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    | \$790.00 |
| 1802                | 900      | 1802                | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |
| 1504                | 300      | 1504                | 300      | Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal pub.                       |          |
| 1505                | 300      | 1505                | 300      | Publication fee for republication  |          |
| 1803                | 130      | 1803                | 130      | Request for voluntary publication or republication                         |          |
| 1808                | 130      | 1808                | 130      | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (except provisionals)                  |          |
| 1454                | 1,370    | 1454                | 1,370    | Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority                   |          |

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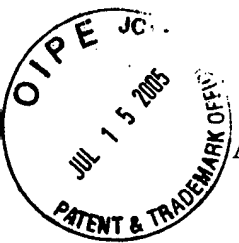
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In re Application of:

Steven Todd Weybrew, et al.

Application No.: 10/038,273

Filing Date: December 31, 2001

For: Method and Apparatus for Image  
Blending

) Examiner: Caschera, Antonio A.

) Art Unit: 2676

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Examiner:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 16, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination for the consideration of the attached information disclosure statement.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Furthermore, if an extension is required, Applicant hereby requests such extension.